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Selectmen's Minutes 07-14-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2008

7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair.

Mr. Greeley requested that a moment of silence be offered in respect for Michael Marchese and John O'Donnell who passed away this past week and offered condolences to their families.

FOR APPROVAL

Invitation: Town Hall Debate

Donald R. Marquis, Former Town Manager

Representative Sean Garballey

Mr. Greeley moved approval to sign and forward the letter. SO VOTED (4-0)

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meeting: June 16, 2008, June 26, 2008

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Mr. Greeley abstained from the vote.

SO VOTED (4-0)

b. Reappointment: Redevelopment Board

Andrew West

(term to expire 06/27/2011)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Council on Aging Board

Ann Fitzgerald

(term to expire 07/14/2011)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Appointment: Council on Aging Board

Joanne Morel

(term to expire 07/14/2011)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Morel was not in attendance and will be invited to a future meeting.

4. Appointment: Council on Aging Board

Lucilia Prates

(term to expire 07/14/2011)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Request: Common Victualler License and Beer & Wine License**

Halit Candemir d/b/a Tsunami Japanese Cuisine, 669A Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked that the Cori and tax id sheet be included in the next Selectmen's information packet.

Mr. Sullivan reminded Mr. Candemir that he is responsible for rubbish maintenance of sweeping the front sidewalk and taking care of receptacles.

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. **Request: Food Vendor License**

Jacqueline Doherty d/b/a Decatur Market, 75 Decatur Street

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Rowe requested that they have creative parking dialogue with the patrons and to let this office know when they will open.

7. **Request: Public Entertainment License**

Angelo DiGirolamo d/b/a Ristorante Olivio, 201 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee**

Edward Starr, Chair, Laura Wiener, Jeff Maxtutis

Demand Management

Laura Wiener

Ms. Wiener reported that the Parmenter School area is the first target area of the grant. They are working with the occupants on utilizing carpooling (coordinating schedules and home locations), utilizing biking (set up of new bike racks), and utilizing public transportation (subsidizing T-passes). The goal is to lessen congestion by reducing the number of cars in the area. The next target area will be the Town Hall/Library and businesses along Mass. Ave.

Mr. Greeley moved a vote of support and asked for a 6-month status update.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Beacon/Hamlet Streets

Jeff Maxtutis

Mrs. Mahon moved approval for an all way-4 stop intersection. SO VOTED (4-0)

Stratton School 1b

Ed Starr

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the following **Around the School** recommendations:

- 1) Post "No parking weekdays (7:45AM-4PM)" on north side of Mountain Avenue from Wheeler to exit of School Parking.
- 2) Post "No Parking Here to Corner" signs on Wheeler Lane at Mountain Avenue.
- 3) Implement School Zones with necessary signs and markings on Mountain Avenue and Pheasant Avenue.
- 4) Place "Drop Off/No Parking" signs in circle
- 5) Place "Drop Off/No Parking" signs on north side of Pheasant adjacent to field

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer the following **Primary Walking Routes** recommendations to the DPW:

- 1) Add new crosswalk across Dickson on east side of Wheeler
- 2) Add new crosswalk across Hemlock at Dickson on west side
- 3) Add new crosswalk at Ronald and Washington
- 4) Add new crosswalk at Washington and Ariel near bus stop

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable support for TAC to refer to the School Committee with the Board of Selectmen's positive action recommendation a request to place a Traffic Supervisor at a specific spot designated in the TAC recommendations.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Discussion: Verizon Issues/Double Poles

Stanley Usovicz, Regional Director, External Affairs

Mr. Usovicz reported on the double pole progress within the Town and that he is working on the priority list given from Mr. Sullivan. He also addressed the reason for the black out in June along with the status report of equipment upgrades.

Ms. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion: NSTAR

Marc Lucas, Amin Jessa

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Martins (engineer) reported on the updates in progress and on problems that have occurred.

Ms. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Sullivan will have the presentation material posted on the Town website.

Mr. Sullivan requested Mr. Lucas send him a map format of the upgrade areas to be done.

12. Discussion: Bonding of Fire Apparatus

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Determine the maximum useful life of the Quint Fire Truck for bonding purposes in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7(9).

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the following:

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$1,233,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 19, 2008 (Article 54) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(9) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Quint-Replace	\$925,000.	4	15 Years
Ladder 2 and Engine 3			

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 54 Thorndike Street

Lorraine Bennett

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the 8/11/08 meeting. It was agreed that the Parking Sub-Committee, Jack Hurd and Diane Mahon, work on an alternative solution.

SO VOTED (4-0)

14. Request: Two On Street Overnight Parking Spaces @ 10 Lanark Road

Jennifer Silver

Mrs. Mahon moved denial of the request.

SO VOTED (4-0)

15. Discussion: Columbia Road Traffic Concerns

Sinan Akdag

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer to TAC.

SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Request: One 15 Minute Parking Sign @ 797 Massachusetts Avenue

Hany Morcos, Arlington House of Pizza

Mr. Greeley moved approval for the painting of parking spaces and the 6-month trial of a 15- minute parking sign.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Greeley would like Mr. Morcos to return in 6-months to report on the trial.

17. Request: Two 15 Minute Parking Signs @ 1321 Massachusetts Avenue

Flora Rostam, Arlington Florist Inc.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval for one 15-minute sign.

SO VOTED (4-0)

18. Discussion: Future BOS Meetings

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the following meeting dates:

9/25/08 (changed from 9/29/08)

10/06/08, 10/20/08

11/10/08, 11/24/08

12/08/08, 12/22/08 (now changed to 12/18/08).

SO VOTED (4-0)

19. For Approval: McClennen Park, HUD Requirement

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Greeley moved approval to renew the Reed's Brook Site/McClennen Park HUD Declaration of the blighted nature of the former Reed's Brook Site. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Laurie Burt FY2009 Municipal Sustainability Grant Application
Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion on graffiti, Ms. Rowe asked if perhaps the Rte. 2 bridge area could be designated as an official "tagging area" in order to keep it off other more visible areas. Mrs. Mahon asked if Mr. Sullivan, Officer Gallagher, and Chief Ryan could use the June 2006 letter to re-write and re-distribute through the schools a letter against graffiti in September 2008 upon authorization of the School Committee.

Ms. LaCourt requested that the new MAPC brochure, *Metro Future*, be distributed to all Selectmen for review. The MAPC would like the Town of Arlington to endorse and implement the agreement.

Ms. LaCourt congratulated the Energy Smakdown group for winning the transportation competition.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Mr. Sullivan for the analysis of the state budget.

Mrs. Mahon commented that in September the Board is supposed to meet with the DCR Commission and legislators. Also there is supposed to be a joint meeting between the School Committee and the Selectmen.

Ms. Rowe acknowledged and thanked Ms. Friedman and the staff at the state house for working diligently on behalf of Arlington.

Ms. Rowe will be going before the house along with others to ensure the passing of the home rule petitions.

Ms. Rowe reported that the Mayor of Cambridge is gathering together a group of interested officials for the cause of global warming and will get more information for the Selectmen.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Administrative Assistant